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To: Fresno County 2021 Redistricting

Cc: Mariana Alvarenga

Subject: Letter of Support for Equitable Map Coalition"s Proposed Map and COIs

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Hello,

My name is Olivia Seideman and I work for Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, a community-based organization that works with communities in Lanare, Cantua Creek/El Porvenir, and Tombstone in Fresno County.

Attached to this email is our letter of support for the Equitable Map Coalition's proposed map, as well as 29 COI maps from residents in the communities of Lanare and Cantua Creek/El Porvenir. These COIs reflect community support for the EMC's proposed map as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Olivia Seideman

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Submitted via Electronic Mail FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov

To: Fresno County Board of Supervisors & the County's Advisory Redistricting Commission

Re: Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability's Strong Support for Fresno County Equitable Map Coalition (EMC) Map Proposal

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability works alongside low-income communities of color in the San Joaquin Valley and the Eastern Coachella Valley. As is most relevant here, we work with community leaders across Fresno City and in Lanare, Tombstone, and Cantua Creek to advocate for local, regional and state government entities to address their community's needs for the basic elements that make up a safe and healthy community, including safe and affordable drinking water, affordable housing, effective and safe transportation, efficient and affordable energy, green spaces, and clean air.

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability is in strong support of the Equitable Map Coalition (EMC)'s map proposal, as we believe that it accurately reflects the demographic change of Fresno County between 2011 and 2021. After holding multiple community meetings focused on redistricting in the communities of Cantua Creek/El Porvenir and Lanare in the western part of the county and Tombstone in the eastern region, we also support the EMC's map proposal because it preserves the communities of interest articulated by many residents in these communities. Included with this letter are 25 COIs that reflect this.

Community members in Lanare and Cantua Creek/El Porvenir would like to be in the same district, as they face similar issues in the Western part of the county around land use, housing, water, agriculture, and more. Community members in Tombstone do not want to be in the same district as the western communities, as they face different challenges around water and agriculture and feel that a district that includes more eastern communities, rather than encompassing both eastern and western parts of the county (as the map drawn in 2011 does) would allow them to be in a district with other communities with similar interests.

EMC's map is fair, research-based, meets all federal and state legal requirements, and provides an opportunity for fair representation.



Best, Olivia Seideman Civic Engagement Coordinator, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

























































